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“BEARD BAGS 6 IN SWANS ROMP AGAINST LEAGUE NEWCOMERS”

SWANAGE TOWN & H 10 MILBORNE PORT 1

Swanage produced the perfect start to the season with a 10-1 defeat of newly promoted Milborne Port at Day's Park with the home sides Cameron Beard stealing the show with 6 goals. Swanage stormed into a 6-0 interval lead with goals from Cameron Beard x 4, Graeme Rose (pen) and Aaron Atkinson. H.T. 6-0. Swanage continued to dominate the visitors in the second half with 4 more goals, with 2 more from Cameron Beard, which completed his double hat-trick, Sam Beale and Graeme Rose who completed his brace. The visitors scored a late consolation goal through Adam Chaffey which was no more than they deserved as they continued to play football throughout and never gave up despite the score line, however welcome to the DPL.

“MERE START WITH THE PERFECT 6 AGAINST THE HAMMERS”

MERE TOWN 6 HAMWORTHY UNITED RES 0



Mere kicked off their new campaign with a well-deserved 6 nil romp against a young Hamworthy United Reserve side at the Rec. Jack Twyford got the hosts off to a perfect start when he scored in the 12th minute, Mere were on top for most of the half but it took until the 41st minute to double their lead when Scott Martin notched his 1st 2-0 at half time to the Moonrakers. Into the 2nd half and Mere pressed home their advantage with further goals from Gavin Bendall (53) Twyford again in the 74th

minute. Scott Martin then completed his hat trick with 2 further goals in the 77th & 80th minutes to cap off a fine individual performance, and ensure the hosts got off to a winning start; Hamworthy battled hard but were ultimately beaten by the better side on the day.



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“RANGERS COME FROM BEHIND TO DOWN WESTLANDS”

WAREHAM RANGERS 2 WESTLAND SPORTS 1

After all the planning, preparation, training etc. in preseason and the lead up to the game, the day started not particularly well with the team being let down at the last hour by a keeper. Step up club captain and centre half Richard Parsons to don the gloves.

Wareham struggled at times to get in the passing rhythm that has been in place for the preseason games mainly due to the pressing play from Westlands and their effective play in the channels. Westlands got the breakthrough inside 15 mins due to a poor clearance falling to a Westlands player on edge of the box that despite the efforts of Rich in the goal put the ball in the net 0-1. Wareham had chances in the first half to pull back level but were unable to convert chances. The game at the interval was 1-0 to Westlands. There was a tactical change at half time and the team needed to have a reaction. Both teams had opportunities to score but it looked like Westlands had done enough as the game was getting into the final stages to see the game out. Aaron came into the game and made a good impact keeping the ball and interlinking with the rest of the team. With just under 15 mins remaining Will Bartley was introduced as the team changed their shape to try and get something out of the game. Will made some clever runs and was rewarded almost instantly when a clever through ball was met by Will who rounded the keeper and confidently slotted home for 1-1. Wareham were on the front foot now and the game was getting stretched with Westlands being denied by a great stop from close range from Richard Parsons. Will and Storm were continuing to cause problems and on 86' minutes Will latched onto a ball in the box and provided a great finish to put Wareham 2-1 up. Wareham worked very hard to get behind the ball in the final stages to see the game out for all 3 points. A great start against very good opposition.

"STALEMATE AT HARDINGS LANE"

GILLINGHAM TOWN 2 PARLEY SPORTS 2



A depleted Gillingham team opened their 2017/18 season with a lively encounter with Parley Sports at Harding's Lane. However an unfamiliar line up started brightly attacking Parley and should have taken an early lead before the first of a few key decisions changed the shape of the game. A good move on the right saw a whipped cross, the Parley forward sneaked in front of the Gillingham defender, an arm went out, penalty given, which was despatched by Matthew Newberry and Parley took the lead in the 15th minute. A good move in the 20th minute saw Parley again get behind the Gillingham defence, another good cross and Newberry was in front of the defender and guided the ball home. The next ten minutes

Parley played some good football, maybe they should have killed the game off with a third goal, but to their credit, Gillingham fought their way back into the game, and tireless work by Elliot Bevis was rewarded in the 35th minute, when a free kick on the edge of the area took a slight deflection and nestled into the net, Gillingham had somehow managed to get a foothold in the game as half time approached. The second half saw a change for Gillingham and this resulted in a more solid platform to try to rescue the game. Bevis and Harry Smith both tormented the Parley defence, one attack led to a cross flying across the box, the defender and forward clashed in the box, a carbon copy of the first half penalty decision, this time no penalty given. In the 75th minute Harry Smith again outpaced the Parley defence, tackle from behind came in, contact, was it ball, player or both, decision penalty! Bevis stepped up and placed the ball in the corner to level the score line. Protestations by the Parley players led to the 'Sin Bin' coming into use for the first time at Harding's Lane, which probably needs a bit more thought about how it is managed effectively. However despite the man advantage Gillingham couldn't find a winner and had to frantically defend in the last few minutes too, to keep hold of the point they had earned. A draw was a fair reflection, and



although disappointed not to capitalise on the momentum created towards the end of the second half, with the depleted line-up that Gillingham were able to field, a point from the first game was more than probably expected.

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"CHERRIES STING THE BEES IN THEIR OPENER"

BRIDPORT RES 1 STURMINSTER NEWTON 3

For the first 35 minutes were evenly matched with both defences being on top, Kieran Park the Bridport goalkeeper was forced into one good save from a shot outside the box. The game changed in the 40th minute when a miss placed pass resulted in Sturminster scoring the first goal through Darren Spiller. Two minutes later a free kick from outside the box resulted in another goal headed in from the near post by Jamie Danoris on 45 minutes to find Bridport going in at half time two nil down. Early in the second half Bridport changed their formation in an attempt to score the next goal but were caught on the counter attack to find themselves three nil down after 60 minutes as Jamie Danoris notched his 2nd and Sturminsters third. Substitute Nick Paul scored direct from a corner with 20 minutes to go to give the home side hope, the home side did get the ball in the net again with 10 minutes to go, however Josh Hull's effort was correctly ruled off side. The game finished with a three one score line however Bridport felt they had done enough to earn at least a point from the game.

"BALTI HIT THE ZEBRAS FOR 6"

SHERBORNE TOWN RES 0 BALTI SPORTS 6

Balti got their season off to a perfect start with a routine win against a workmanlike Sherborne side who were just pleased to actually start the season given their summer troubles in finding a management team. Balti were clinical in front of goal as goals from Dan Andrews (2) Ryan Dovall, Oscar Preece, Liam Taylor and Sam Nicholls saw them to this comfortable win. Sherborne's young players did not disgrace themselves with a battling performance against a strong Balti Sports side.

"REC WIN IN A 7 GOAL THRILLER"

MERLEY CS 3 HAMWORTHY REC 4



Merley started this local derby with real intent and from the first attacking move won a corner on the left which Matt Groves swung in towards Asa Phillips who chested down and struck sweetly on the half volley to put the home side 1-0 up. Merley kept the pressure up and were soon 2-0 up when Dan Edwards slotted home on 8 minutes from a Groves flick on. As the home side continued to press, they were caught on the counter on 13 minutes when Hamworthy pulled one back through Chris Long. The goal seemed to spur Hamworthy on and they began to get into their stride, drawing level on 26 minutes with some neat passing down the right hand side and a tidy finish from Ali Garard. Both sides saw chances go begging but the half ended all square at 2-2. Merley

started the second half strongly as they had the first and were again rewarded with a goal from virtually the first attack when Edwards nodded home for his second to put Merley back in front. Hamworthy responded with a period of good pressure and possession but were unable to capitalise. An end to end battle ensued, but the only real chance saw Steve Gilbert's header come back off the upright. A lovely long range strike from Ash Boyt saw Hamworthy back on terms at 3-3 on 75 minutes providing the platform for an exciting last quarter of an hour. Both sides went close, but it was the away side who finally came out on top on 86 minutes when a goal mouth tussle saw the Hamworthy striker Chris Long tap home from close range. Big credit goes to both sides for a highly entertaining game, well refereed, a great advert for the Dorset Premier Football League.



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“SPORTS GIVE THE ROYALS A BEATING”

DORCHESTER SPORTS 7 BLANDFORD UNITED 1



Dorchester Sports started the new DPL season in fine style with a first half they won't forget for a while smashing in 5 first half goals. Sports started on the front foot and it was only a matter of time before they took the lead and it came on 8 minutes when Jamie Symes slid Will Turland in and the front man made no mistake from ten yards with a left footed strike into the bottom corner, Sports continued to press and got their

second when again Turland found space in the box and his clever pass to Richard Beasley gave him a close tap in, Turland then added his brace and Jamie Rawlings added a 4th from close range and there was still time for captain Lewis Amor to whip in a mean corner, which came off a Blandford defender before finding the bottom corner to put Sports 5 up before the break. Blandford started the brighter after the break and put Sports under the first real pressure and it paid off when Jason Read fouled Paul Ford in the box and the visitors scored the resulting penalty vs Sam Turner in the sports goal, Sports stepped it up again after this and Turland completed his hat trick on the hour when through one on one as he blasted his shot past the visiting keeper to make it 6, Symes made it 7 late on when his header found the back of the net from a Jamie Samways corner to complete a great first day for Sports at the Avenue Stadium.



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Holt United v Shaftesbury Res

Match Postponed due to the Away side unable to raise a Team